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## 2. Berlin Problems

Developments on the two main issues are mixed:

- In the wake of the MLM shooting the two CINCs have met. Although General Zaytsev refused to apologize for the shooting, he did state that the incident was a tragic and a regrettable occurrence which should never be repeated. He further stated that the Group of Soviet Forces Germany will be instructed in a written policy which specifically forbids the use of physical force or weapons in the apprehension of United States Military Liaison Mission tours. The two sides will meet again at the Staff level to discuss ways to better delineate PRAs and hopefully reduce them.
- On the Air Corridor issue the Soviets have remained obdurate. This week they enacted the first full corridor length reservations since February. Further, in rebuffing Allied protests the chief Soviet air controller challenged the 1946 air agreement as a relic of World War II and once again indicated that the only recourse the Allies have is to raise the issue at higher political levels. The US plans to do this and is prepared to stage a demonstration flight in the entire length of the corridor. However, the British feel that the time for demonstration flights has not yet come while the French still prefer that any demonstration flight challenge only that part of the reservation which affects the landing pattern.